MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : If the road is useful why is it that it is not being maintained properly ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) . It is maintained by the Devaswom Department, I believe.

Maintenance of Alleppey-Shertala Canal.

229. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Governmen be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any expense is yearly incurred in connection with the maintenance of the Alleppey-Shertala Canal that has been already opened ;

(*b*) if so, the amount so incurred for the last 7 years from 1105 to 1111 (both inclusive) ;

(*c*) whether sand is being silted up in the canal every year during rainy seasons ; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the cocoanut trees standing on either side of the canal have become unyielding on account of the existence of the incompleted canal ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The amount incurred in

Year.		Rs.
1105	...	1,204
1106	...	897
1107	...	669
1108	...	1,160
1109	...	978
1110	...	736
1111	...	1,535

(*c*) Yes, but the silt is removed then and there.

(*d*) No.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know the various works that have to be done in connection with the maintenance of the canal ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The removing of the silt and the trimming of the banks.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know whether the same kind of work has to be attended to year after year ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I believe so.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : If so, why is it that the expenditure varies from year to year ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : More silt might have accumulated in a certain year, and of course, it would cost more to be removed.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Has any progress been made in the construction of this canal, since 1105 ?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Do the Government intend extending the canal since the opening of the road in that area?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I am sure the honourable member must remember that that was discussed some little time ago. There was a proposal, but that has been shelved.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether it is the intention of the Government to take it up at any time in future?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a question of future action, Sir.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): What is the amount that has actually been spent so far on the construction of this canal?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Rs. 5,52,803-25 chs.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): How many miles have been cut so far?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : 5 Miles and 3,083 feet.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : What is the estimated cost for the work yet to be done?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Rs. 1,57,100, I believe.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Have the Government received representations from the people to the effect that they are prepared to complete the canal at the estimated cost?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, and also representations from others that the canal should not be built.

SADASYA TILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Has the land necessary for the canal been acquired?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is rather a complicated question. I can say that the lands already taken over by the P. W. D. are included in the compensation charges. I cannot say whether the whole of the land necessary has been acquired; certainly they are not with the P. W. D. yet.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is the canal useful for boat traffic?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know why, after having expended such a large sum of money, the question is sought to be left as a complicated one, as has been answered by the Chief Engineer?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I said that the complication was regarding the acquisition of the land and the payment of compensation for such land. The question of completing the canal has been under consideration for a long time ; and there are parties for and against it as the honourable member must have heard on the floor of this House.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know whether Government propose to complete the canal ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It is a question of future action.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether the expenditure incurred on the canal so far is commensurate with its usefulness ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : If I am to give my personal opinion I should say no.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know whether Government consider it worthwhile to complete the work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I do not think Government consider it worthwhile at present to complete the work.

Veterinary Hospitals.

230. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of veterinary hospitals in the State maintained by the Government ;

(*b*) the places where those hospitals are maintained ;

(*c*) whether there is a veterinary hospital at Alleppey ;

(*d*) if so, who the doctor in charge of it at present is ;

(*e*) the number of cases treated in the hospital in the last two years (1110 and 1111) ; and

(*f*) the number recovered and the number died, respectively, in these two years ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Fifteen hospitals and dispensaries.

(*b*) Nagercoil, Tuckalay, Kuzhithurai, Neyyattinkara (temporary), Trivandrum, Attingal, Quilon, Shencotta, Mavelikara, Tiruvalla, Alleppey, Kottayam, Meenachil, Perumbavoor and Paravur.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Mr. B. Janardhana Aiyar.

(*e*) 1,600 in 1110 and 2,147 in 1111.

(*f*) Number of cases recovered in 1110 was 1,590 and that in 1111 was 2,139. The number died was 10 and 8, respectively.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know whether it is the doctor or the compounder who examines the animals ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Either the doctor or the compounder. The compounder will examine the minor cases.

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